

## LUNA PARK READY FOR BIG OPENING

Final Touches Being Added to Summer Resort.

### HILL CHANGED TO VALLEY

Management Perfects Arrangements for Ample Transportation Facilities. New Cars Soon to Arrive.

The offices of Manager George E. Gill of Washington Luna Park and of Henry E. Warner, press representative, were moved yesterday from the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon railway building to the park, and will hereafter be located at the entrance, under the tower to the left of the arch.

For the present the office of W. C. Little, excursion manager, will remain in the railway company's building, where applications for picnic and special day tickets will be received.

Work on the great enterprise of Frederick Ingersoll is being pushed to completion with all the rapidity possible, and Manager Gill said this morning that everything would be in shape for the opening on May 28.

### Built City in a Valley.

There has been a great amount of detail work in connection with this building of a city in a valley where there was once a hill. The hill had to be removed in the first place, and the valley built with soil and var-colored flowers. Then the buildings, from the chutes and circle swing and the scenic river, to the row of concessions along the broad trail, had to be put up substantially, and that work is still under way. There is a big contract in making water connections with the Potomac river, and an extra force of men is at work on the laying of pipes. This connection will supply an immense quantity of water to fill the chutes pool, the scenic river and lead to all the buildings.

This morning an extra gang of workmen went to work on the bridge loop, which will connect with the main line and enable the company to discharge and take on passengers with the least possible delay, and with all danger of accident eliminated. All the available rolling stock of the company will be put into service for the park purpose, and there will be sixteen additional forty foot cars, which will be here in time for the opening. If necessary, the rolling stock will be further augmented. It is planned now to run the line on a three-minute schedule, which will make it possible to handle an immense crowd of people early afternoon until the closing at 11:30 o'clock at night. The system has been arranged for loading, the spring pavilion and dining hall will be one of the attractions. When the work of building the park was begun, the attention was paid to the spring. A few days later, however, one of the workmen who had suffered with rheumatism for years told Constructor Henderson that his rheumatism had disappeared, and attributed it to the curative powers of the spring. An investigation was at once set on foot, and a chemist is now analyzing the water to determine whether or not they have some curative powers which had not been suspected. The bronze tablet by the spring, which was placed on a handsome pedestal, is the information of those who drink from the water.

A large number of special days have been arranged, the details of which are now under consideration. Among them is the Alexandria master plan, from that city will divide time with special musical and entertainment programs. Ample facilities, dates, are numerous athletic events, from Washington and other cities, for which the recreation grounds are being put in trim.

### DIED.

FRINDLE—GILBERT H. FRINDLE was born in New York, February 14, 1839. At the age of ten years he moved to Norwich, Conn. He attended school in Norwich, Conn., and at the University of Vermont, where he received a B. S. degree in 1861. He then came to the East India service and served there until 1861, when he was promoted to the rank of major. He then came to the United States and entered the service. He enlisted in Company H, 1st New York Heavy Artillery, known as Budens. He served the army until he was wounded at battle of Rappahannock. After recovering from the effects of his wounds, he was attached to the United States Sanitary Commission until he received an appointment in the Second Auditor's office, in 1863, where he served until January, 1865, when he received an appointment as acting master in the United States navy, where he remained until June, 1867, when he was honorably discharged, with the rank of Master. He then came to the Philadelphia division of the Red Cross during the food at Johnston, Pa., at the time of his death he was a member of the U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., No. 8, Washington, D. C.

DOVE—On Wednesday, May 15, 1906, at 12:40 A. M. GEORGE W. DOVE, beloved husband of Annie R. Dove. Funeral from his late residence, 504 Twenty-third street northwest, Friday, May 18, at 9 o'clock p. m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM.  
STEWART—In sad, but loving remembrance of my dear son, ARTHUR STEWART, who died one year ago today, Wednesday, May 17, 1906.  
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## Rat Catchers' Gory Work At the Geodetic Survey

Army of Ferrets Battle to Death With Big Rodents.

### DOGS USED IN SLAUGHTER

Task of Clearing Buildings Will Keep Barclay Brigade Busy Eight Days.

Rats to the right of them, rats to the left of them, rats in front of them, on charged the Barclay brigade!

When the cloud of battle cleared away at the Coast and Geodetic Survey last night between sixty and seventy-five rodents as big as cats, lay limp and lifeless on the floor. There are others, however, still chewing on the official records stored in the several buildings used by the department, and the war of extermination will be continued to-night.

The Barclay brigade is composed of fifty African and English ferrets, half a dozen blood-thirsty fox and bull terriers. Clarence Barclay, called the "greatest rat catcher of the age," and Charles Lyles and Noble Posey, two colored men who have been styled "the human rat catchers."

That the entire rat family was not exterminated last night is no fault of the Barclay brigade. Rats were killed in every conceivable manner and so quickly that death must have been almost painless to each one of the rodents. They were bitten to death by ferrets; shaken to death by dogs; shot with rifles; jammed against the wall with iron bars; and some had their brains beaten out by hand.

### An Army of Rodents.

For the past few months the Coast and Geodetic Survey buildings have been overrun with rats. An official investigation disclosed the fact that they came from the numerous buildings which were torn down to make way for the new House of Representative office building. About 4,000 rats, it is estimated, migrated into the Coast and Geodetic Survey buildings during the wee sma' hours of the night and have their homes there now. The clerks have missed their lunches on countless occasions, and in many instances pay rolls and other official records have been eaten by the rats.

E. L. Barclay, who has hundreds of ferrets and scores of expert rat catching dogs, got a good start last night in the work of clearing out the vermin. He has "hunted" many of the Government buildings, and those few rats which were not killed by the ferrets got a glimpse of the bloodthirsty little fellows and became so frightened that they probably have not stopped running yet.

Ferrets are savage little animals, resembling minks, and weighing about fifteen ounces. Mr. Barclay uses two species, the albino, which are pure white, with pink eyes and very bushy tails, and the brown ones, which have black eyes and are more ferocious. Mr. Barclay says these little animals have become as docile as kittens so far as human beings are concerned, but whenever they scent a rat they cannot be held back until the rodent is dead.

### Dogs Distinguished Themselves.

Chief among the dogs used last night was "Baby Girl," a white and tan fox terrier, who has the unique distinction of once dashing into a furnace fire to catch a rat. "Baby Girl" was busy as a bee last night, but she still has scars all over her body as the result of coming in contact with the red-hot coals in the furnace. The other dogs were "Little Fan," "Gen. Robert E. Lee," "Tippecanoe," "Belle" and "Busy Lizzy."

Several days ago Barclay signed a contract to rid the Coast and Geodetic Survey of every rat in ten days. On Tuesday night his corps of rat catchers visited the several buildings to get the job of the land. Last night his son, Clarence Barclay, armed with his ferrets, dogs, traps, electric torches and tongs, went to the building near C Street southeast and began operations.

The little ferrets were taken out of

### THE LINE OF BATTLE

Fifty bloodthirsty African and English ferrets. Six fox and bull terriers. Clarence Barclay. Two colored men.

### VS.

Four thousand rats, more or less.

Casualties of first day's fight (all on one side), seventy rats, every one as big as a cat.

Their boxes and placed on the floor. Their small, beady eyes and shining noses glinted in the darkness. After sniffing the air a few times and uttering a whine they darted off to the rat holes. Several of them had the same scent and struggled with one another to get into one hole.

### Carried Young in Their Mouths.

A second after they disappeared in the hole in the floor a terrible rumble was heard and a moment later shrill squeaks rent the air. Before long half a dozen rats with young ones in their mouths rushed out of a hole further along the floor, and they did not take a step before the dogs seized them by the nape of the necks and shook the life out of them.

In some instances where the dogs and ferrets were all busy the colored men, Posey and Lyles, chased the rats into corners, picked them up with their left hands and with well directed uppercuts from the right hand put the rodents hors de combat.

### Ferrets Couldn't Be Called Off.

The gang went to work about 7 o'clock last night and finished about 11. Several of the ferrets were on the trails of rats and did not stop until they had secured a victim. Barclay, who has trained them, recaptured boxes, baited with fresh meat, were left at the entrance of the corridors of the rats' homes, and this morning the ferrets were found asleep in their boxes.

On May 25 Mr. Barclay's gang will take up the task of clearing the basement of the City Postoffice. Barclay is also negotiating with the superintendent of other Government buildings to rid the places of rodents.

### INSULTED AMERICA; WAS SLAPPED BY BOOKIE

Dallas Welford, English Actor, Made Disparaging Remarks About Yankee Eagle and Received Trimming.

NEW YORK, May 17.—It is not safe to call the American eagle names along Broadway, and Dallas Welford, the English actor who is playing in "Mr. Hopkins," is now prepared to admit the truth of this proposition.

Early this morning Mr. Welford recited a monologue in the Hotel Metropolitan, the burden of which was his contempt for Americans. "Americans are a bloody lot of fools, and I'll make them kneel down to me," he concluded.

Then he lunched over to Maurice Ross, a bookmaker, and in an excess of his own peculiar brand of humor, shouted: "You're one of these Americans, and I ate you all. Take your 'at' to me."

"You're not very big," said Ross quietly, "but I'm going to spank your face with my hand open, and I'm going to do it good."

And he did.

Now Mr. Welford is sorry he spoke.

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## ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., MAY 17.

The Young Men's Sodality Lyceum last night tendered a banquet to the Lyceum Dramatic Club and those who took part in the entertainment given at the Lyceum last week. The banquet was spread in the hall of the Lyceum and after the assemblage had been called to order by Chairman Quinn, the entertainment committee, the Rev. Father Cutler invoked a blessing. The attack on the vivands then began. At the conclusion of the feast speeches were made by James Pettie, James Roche; solos were rendered by Martin Green, Forrest Birrell, Montier, and Miss Nugent; recitations were delivered by Miss Catherine Birrell, and a duet rendered by Mrs. Montier and Miss Green. The Alexandria Mandolin Club also rendered selections during the evening.

### Personnel of Police Discussed.

The board of police commissioners held another session behind closed doors last night. Mayor Paff presided and all the commissioners were present. The mayor stated this morning that the commissioners had gone into the changing of the personnel of the force, but he re-

fused to give out what policeman had been dropped, stating that in a few days all the proceedings would be given to the public. It is understood, however, that there will be a great shake-up in the department and that the changes, which were started last night, will involve nearly all the policemen.

### Big Night at Elks Carnival.

Amid the blaze of red lights and the firing of Roman candles last night the Naval Gun Factory Band, accompanied by a large delegation of Elks, paraded down King street from Henry street, to the Elks' Hall. The Gun Factory Band arrived in this city by electric car from Washington, and disembarking at Henry street, were met by the Elks and the line was formed. Arriving at Elks' Hall, in South Royal street, where the Carnival of Flowers is being held, the band marched into the hall, where they rendered numerous selections during the evening. They were given a supper at the Elks' Hall. The 1906 Government band was won last night by Riley & Spinks. The largest crowd that has so far attended the carnival filled the hall last night.

### D. A. R. Elects Officers.

Mt. Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has elected the following officers: Mrs. T. W. Rob-

inson, regent; Mrs. H. C. Ansley, vice regent; Mrs. Labyne Herndon, recording secretary; Mrs. R. W. Fuller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Leadbetter, treasurer; Mrs. Mary G. Powell, historian; Mrs. Charles E. Brown, of Washington, registrar.

### Potomac Street House Sold.

Jonathan Matthews has bought from Peter Francis a house and lot in Potomac street, between Wilkes and Wolf streets.

### Death of Mrs. Daingerfield.

Mrs. Sarah Vowell Smith Daingerfield, wife of Edward L. Daingerfield, died at her summer home at Malvern, Fairfax county, yesterday. Mrs. Daingerfield was the daughter of the late Francis Lee and Sarah Gossnell Smith. Her husband and two daughters, Misses Sarah Vowell Daingerfield and Mary Helen Daingerfield survive her.

### Stole Watch From His Pocket.

George Norris reports to the police that someone stole a silver watch from his coat pocket, while he was at work turning a roof of a house in Wheat & Sully's division. The robbery took place last Tuesday. Mr. Norris' coat was hanging in the house, while he was at work on the roof. The thief is supposed to have been a colored man.

### Interfered With Officer.

Martha Thomas, colored, was arrested by Policeman Roberts on the charge of interfering with officers, while in the discharge of their duty. She was fined \$5 by Judge Caton in the police court this morning.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF Local 77, Hoisting and Portable Engineers, there will be a special meeting on THURSDAY, MAY 17, at 8 P. M. DAVID P. McCRACKEN, Sec. Pro Tem.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the U. S. Civil Service Retirement Association will be held in the lower hall of the Pythian Temple, 1012 Ninth street northwest, Washington, D. C., on the evening of Thursday, the 17th instant, at 8 o'clock, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact other important business. By order of JACOB W. CALDWELL, Secretary. my15-2t

REMOVAL NOTICE. The offices of Roland C. Booth and Booth's Farm Agency are now located in the Ouray building, 1st floor, 704 8th st. n.w. Call and see us. my15-30t

A SPECIAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Norfolk and Washington, D. C. Steamboat Company will be held at the office of the company, foot of Seventh street, Washington, D. C., Monday, May 28th, 1906, 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the company and for such other business as may come before the meeting. Transfers of stock will be closed from May 15th to 28th, 1906, inclusive. JAMES W. BURY, President. ODELL S. SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer. ap27-30t

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